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RE: BEVERLY AWARDED \$400,000 COMPLETE STREETS GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$400,000 Complete Streets grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). The Cabot Street complete streets project represents the first of a two phase project to reconstruct the core commercial area of Cabot Street in downtown Beverly. The \$400,000 grant will supplement an additional \$1 million in City funding to complete this first phase of the project. The multi-phased Cabot Street project will ultimately include over a half mile stretch of the core downtown commercial and Beverly Cultural District.

The current phase of the project includes complete reconstruction from Winter Street to Abbott Street and where possible widening of sidewalks, new street trees, bump outs located at intersecting streets and a mid-block crossing that will include curb extensions to provide a safer pedestrian crossing environment. Bicycle sharrows will be provided consistent with the Beverly Bicycle Plan. The City will include ornamental street lighting as part of the broader streetscape and improve lighting and safety for pedestrians along the corridor. The Cabot Street project will continue to support economic growth while enhancing transportation and mobility downtown with a focus on the Beverly Arts District.

“This Complete Streets grant helps Beverly improve the Cabot Street roadway, sidewalks and intersections, so that our infrastructure works for everyone, whether they are driving, cycling, walking or accessing public transit. Many thanks to Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito and the MassDOT for this critical funding for infrastructure improvements,” stated Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill.

Beverly Planning Director Aaron Clausen commented “We are grateful to MassDOT for granting this award. It will support reconstruction of the core of the Cabot Street corridor to be a more inviting place to visit and safer environment for all modes of transportation, in particular pedestrians and bicyclists.”

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